



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Class	w/ending 1/04/22
RJG	Patrick
RLB	Harriet
1MS	Ollie
1EK	Reggie
2FM	Florence
2KB	Darcy
3JB	Dexter
3EB	Ryley
4KL	Leo
4FK	Mahdi
5CP	Belle-Rose
5RW	Jack
6SG	Baris
6HW	Kamro



Dear All,
Brrr, just like at the end of the first Lord of the Rings book, the 'Balrog' of winter has come to get us this week, but the chilly weather hasn't taken the edge of some amazing learning experiences.

Y3 Planetarium Trip:

To round off their space topic, Y3 headed to the Chichester Planetarium this week. They learned even more about the planets in our solar system, took a virtual tour of the galaxy, touched pieces of a real asteroid and almost fell asleep under the stars.

Tri-Golf:

As you will see on Page 2, our Y3 sports people met with some great success in their first ever attempt at competitive Tri-Golf.

REAch2 and our Choir:

The incoming new CEO of REAch2, Cathie Pain, sent us a new song to try. Our choir were so keen that they have already learned all the words and can't wait to perform it for Sir Steve when he visits on 26th April.

Y6 Mock SATS:

Our amazing Y6 children and teachers braved a week of practice SATS tests, so that they are really ready for when the actual exams come around in May.

Football Cards and Toys:

We know that children in KS1 love to bring various collection cards and small toys to school, but they are causing some arguments and upset. Please remind your child that anything they bring to school might get lost and that teachers can't help them to get back cards that they have traded and then want returned.

Tree Planting:

See page 3 for more details of this amazing day.

Coming Up:

Next week the Easter Raffle Prize draw will take place on Wednesday 6th April—tickets still on sale!

Friday 8th is the last day of term. It is a normal day, so please make sure children are ready to be here from 9am to 3pm just like every day.

Special end of the school year news. The Department for Education has decided that all schools should be allowed an extra day off school to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This means that school will now end on **Wednesday 20th July!**

Mr Wade—Headteacher

Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance this week was 92.2% of pupils in class.

Classroom doors open at 8.45am and registers are taken from 8.50am. It is extremely important children are in school to avoid missed learning.

As a community we will continue to work together to ensure attendance remains as high as it can be in.

We are aiming to bring attendance back to pre-Covid levels. If your child is well, please send them to school.

School Spaces

We currently have spaces in: **Reception, Y4 and Y6**. Please let friends and relatives know that we would love more pupils here.

Y3 Tri Golf

Tri-Golf is quite a new sport to the children at Eastbrook, so our Y3 team were a little worried, as they headed off to the tournament this week, that the other teams would have had much more practice. But they did really well, coming third overall in their very first try at a real Tri-Golf competition.



144 Challenge

A very well done to the any pupils who complete their 144 challenge. This involves answering 20 questions based on all the timetables up to and including the 12s. Questions include finding the product of, multiplying two numbers and dividing.

We look forward to more children passing the challenge in the coming weeks. Especially from Y4 as they prepare for the first ever national multiplication tables check.



Term Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 6th April	All	Easter Raffle
Friday 8th April	All	Last day of Spring term
Monday 25th April	Whole School	INSET Day (no school for children)
Tuesday 26th April	Y1-Y6	Swimming starts (letter to follow)
Tuesday 26th Aril	Whole School	Visit from Sir Steve—REAch2 Founder
Thursday 28th April	Y1	Wakehurst Place Trip
Friday 29th April	All	Astra Colour Class Photographs

Spring 2022

Tuesday 4th January until Friday 8th April 2022

Last Day of Term Friday 8th April

Summer 2022

25th April-20th July (New date - no school for children on Thursday 21st (INSET day) or Friday 22nd July (day off in lieu for Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday))

Forest School Tree Planting

Tree planting day: Wednesday 30th March 2022

The school and the community took part in a crowd funding event in September to help raise funds for Tree Action UK. The aim of the charity is to improve the environment and the mental wellbeing of young people in Sussex by connecting them with nature through tree planting events.

Tree Action have now donated twelve trees to Eastbrook.

These included oaks, limes and birches.

Y1 to Y6: each class planted a tree to look after for future generations. They helped dig the hole and covered the base with mulch. They will name their tree and be responsible for it and water it.

Y6 will pass their tree on to Reception in their new Y1 classes in a special handover ceremony before they leave for secondary school, which will become an annual special event. The new Y1 will then look after the trees throughout their time at Eastbrook.

We hope that these wonderful trees grow through many generations of Eastbrook children.

Take a look at the next few pages to see what we got up to:



Forest School Tree Planting



Uniform Sale

FRIDAY 8TH APRIL
AFTER SCHOOL ON THE PLAYGROUND
£1 AN ITEM!



SALE

A Big Thank You

Thanks to everyone who donated eggs, chocolate and cash to our Easter raffle collection. Name the Easter bunny will in the office from Monday if you would like to guess the name, this will cost 50p.



COVID Information for Parents



Test and Self-Isolation

As of 1st April, government guidelines on the management of Covid-19 have radically altered, with significant reductions in all control measures. At Eastwood, we continue to see many cases per week and want to protect our children the best we can. We are therefore keeping the previous measures until further notice.

The three main symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child tests positive on a Lateral Flow Device, but **are not displaying any symptoms** (asymptomatic), then they should still self isolate for five days. No PCR test needed.

When children reach day 6, of their isolation period, we still recommend taking a lateral flow test. If they receive a negative result on day 6 they can come back to school. However, it is important that they continue to remain cautious.

In School Measures

We will still maintain some measures, such as separate classes in breakfast and after school club, but we have also returned to normal for some activities that last 15 minutes or less, for example whole school assemblies and playtimes.

Eastbrook is still asking all staff to test twice per week so that we can ensure we do not pass on Covid to children and any member of staff will observe a five day isolation. We will still fully support families who take measures to protect their child from infection and who choose to regularly test at home.

Please contact us if your child has tested positive so that we can let classes know when there is a case. Anyone who still wants their child to wear a mask in school, please let the class teachers know, so that we can support them in class.

We will keep our measures under constant review and hope to be able to make further positive changes after the Easter break.

If your child tests positive for Covid-19—**PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL**. Speak to us first.